

Remarks

As a preliminary matter, the Applicant notes that claims 1 and 4-8 stand allowed.

In the Office action, paragraph [0007] of the specification was objected to for a minor informality. Applicant has amended paragraph [0007] of the specification to correct this minor typographical error. Applicant has also amended paragraphs [0019], [0024] and [0029] to correct minor typographical errors. In particular, amended paragraph [0019] replaces an incorrect element number 42 with corrected element number 46. Amended paragraphs [0024] and [0029] replace an inadvertent omission of a temperature unit (i.e., °C), and a replacement of a temperature unit for a unit of length, respectively. These omissions/errors are due to a minor clerical oversight. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added at least for the reason that the priority document, which was filed with the application, included the correct units of °C.

Additionally, the Office action requests corrected drawings to identify figures that represent prior art. As such, previously omitted legend "-- Prior Art --" has been added to Figures 1-3.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph


Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. By way of the foregoing amendment claims 2, 3, and 8 have been amended. In particular, dependent claim 8 has been amended to recite units of temperature rather than thickness in light of a minor typographical error. Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendments eliminate any indefiniteness that may have existed.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Changes to the Drawings

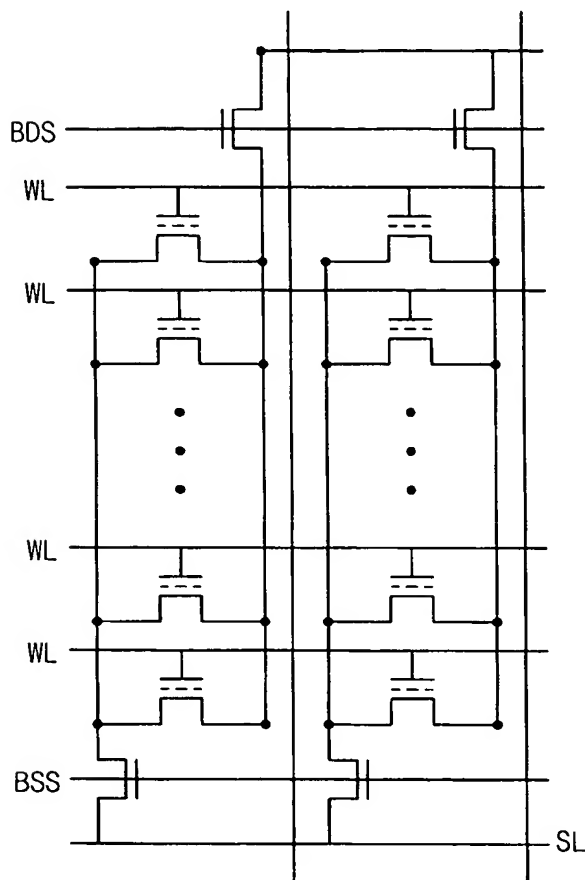
The attached three sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-3. The first sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. The second sheet, which includes Figure 2, replaces the original sheet including Figure 2. The third sheet, which includes Figures 3 and 4a, replaces the original sheet including Figures 3 and 4a. In Figures 1-3, previously omitted legend indicating --Prior Art-- has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1-3

Annotated Sheets 1-3 Showing Changes



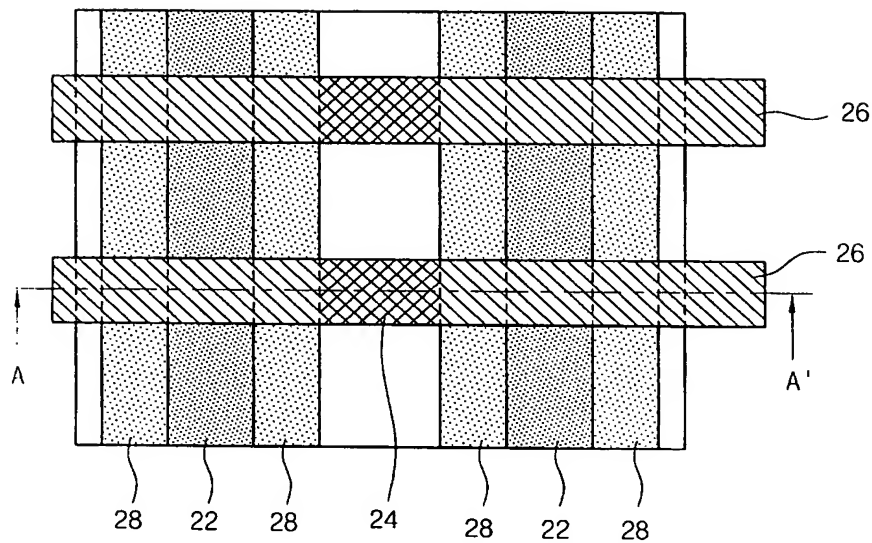
Fig. 1



-- Prior Art --

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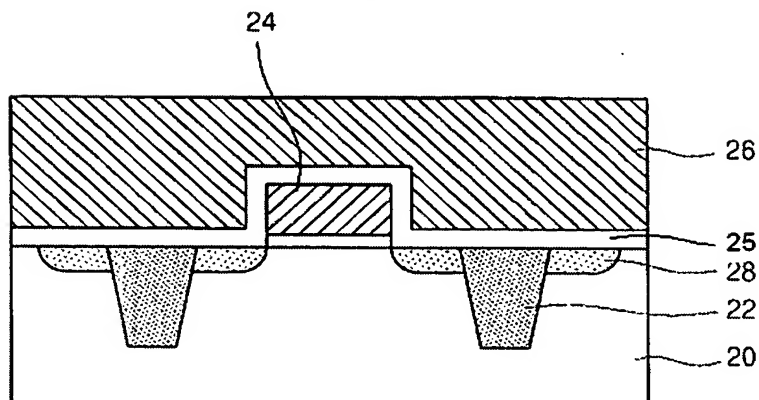
Fig. 2



-- Prior Art --

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Fig. 3



-- Prior Art --

Legend Added

Fig. 4a

